

CalGeo Bill Status Report

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[AB 25](#)

(Gilmore) Water discharges: mandatory minimum civil penalties. (A-01/13/2010 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 01/14/2010-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (January 14).

Current Location: 01/14/2010-A APPR.

Calendar Events: 01/21/10 Upon adjournment of Session - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS

Summary: Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards prescribe waste discharge requirements in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act . The act, with certain exceptions, imposes a mandatory minimum penalty of \$3,000 for each serious waste discharge violation or for certain other described violations if those violations occur 4 or more times in any period of 6 consecutive months. For these purposes, a "serious violation" is defined to include a failure to file a certain discharge monitoring report for each complete period of 30 days following the deadline for submitting the report if certain conditions are met. This bill would expand that definition to include a POTW serving a community of 20,000 persons or fewer. The bill also would authorize the state board or a regional board, in lieu of assessing all or a portion of the mandatory minimum penalties against a public school district, as defined, to elect to require the public school district to spend an equivalent amount towards the completion of a compliance project meeting prescribed requirements. This bill contains other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Watch	3

[AB 26](#)

(Hernandez) Public contracts: bid preferences: employee health care expenditures. (I-12/01/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 06/02/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 05/28/2009)

Current Location: 06/02/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law imposes various requirements with respect to contracting by public entities. This bill would require a state agency awarding a public works contract to provide a 2% bid preference to a bidder whose employee health care expenditures, and those of its subcontractors, are at least 6.5% of the aggregate Social Security wages paid to its employees in California. This bill would require a bidder and its subcontractors to submit statements certifying that they qualify for the bid preference, would require the bidder and contractors to continue to make employee health care expenditures, as specified, and would impose civil penalties in connection therewith, as provided. This bill would become operative on January 1, 2011.

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[AB 55](#)

(Jeffries) Water supply planning. (I-12/04/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/01/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was W.,P. & W. on 02/05/2009)

Current Location: 05/01/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law requires a city or county that determines a project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act to identify any public water system that may supply water for the project and to request those public water systems to prepare a specified water supply assessment. If no public water system is identified, the city or county is required to prepare the water supply assessment. This bill would revise that definition of "project" to provide that specified business, commercial, hotel or motel, industrial, manufacturing, and mixed-use developments are within the scope of that definition only if the projected water demand of the development would be equivalent to, or greater than, the amount of water required by a 500 dwelling unit project, as determined by the public water system.

This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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[AB 103](#) **(De Leon) Property taxation: change in ownership: exclusion.** (A-04/22/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 06/08/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was APPR. on 5/28/2009)
Current Location: 06/08/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: The California Constitution generally limits ad valorem taxes on real property to 1% of the full cash value of that property. For purposes of this limitation, "full cash value" is defined as the assessor's valuation of real property as shown on the 1975-76 tax bill under "full cash value" or, thereafter, the appraised value of that real property when purchased, newly constructed, or a change in ownership has occurred. Existing property tax law specifies those circumstances in which the transfer of ownership interests results in a change in ownership of the real property, and provides that certain transfers do not result in a change of ownership. This bill would provide that a transfer of a cotenancy interest, as defined, in real property from one cotenant to the other that takes effect upon the death of the transferor cotenant and before January 1, 2020, does not constitute a change of ownership, as provided. This bill would require the transferor cotenant to sign an affidavit, as specified, under penalty of perjury. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2020. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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[AB 133](#) **(Smyth) Subdivisions: major thoroughfares.** (A-01/04/2010 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 01/14/2010-Read second time. To third reading.
Current Location: 01/14/2010-A THIRD READING
Calendar Events: 01/19/10 24 ASM ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE

Summary: The Subdivision Map Act authorizes a local agency to require the payment of a fee as a condition of approval of a final map or as a condition of issuing a building permit for purposes of defraying the actual or estimated cost of constructing bridges or major thoroughfares if specified conditions are met. The fees collected are deposited in a planned bridge or major thoroughfare fund. If the benefit area of a bridge fund is one in which more than one bridge is required to be constructed, a fund may be established that covers all of the bridge projects in that benefit area. For the unincorporated area of San Diego County only, "construction" is defined to include design, acquisition of rights-of-way, actual construction, and reasonable administrative expenses, as specified. This bill would authorize a local agency to establish a fund for a benefit area that covers all of the bridge and major thoroughfare projects in that benefit area when that benefit area is one in which more than one bridge or major thoroughfare is required to be constructed. The definition of "construction" for the unincorporated area of San Diego County would also be applied to the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County . However, with respect to Los Angeles County only, in specified circumstances, "construction" would be defined to include administration of construction contracts, rather than administrative expenses .

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[AB 300](#) **(Caballero) Subdivisions: water supply.** (A-06/30/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 07/07/2009-In committee: Set, first hearing. Testimony taken. Further hearing to be set.
Current Location: 07/07/2009-S N.R. & W.

Summary: The Subdivision Map Act prohibits approval of a tentative map, or a parcel map for which a tentative map was not required, or a development agreement for a subdivision of property of more than 500 dwelling units, except as specified, including the design of the subdivision or the type of improvement, unless the legislative body of a city or county or the designated advisory agency

provides written verification from the applicable public water system that a sufficient water supply is available or, in addition, a specified finding is made by the local agency that sufficient water supplies are, or will be, available prior to completion of the project. This bill would require, until January 1, 2017, the public water system, or the local agency if there is no public water system, to review, verify for accuracy, and approve, as specified, the subdivider's water savings projections attributable to voluntary demand management measures, as defined. The public water system would be authorized to collect fees necessary to provide the additional analysis of the voluntary demand management measures. This bill would provide that a water supply assessment completed, as specified, satisfies the existing requirement of verifying sufficient water supply, unless the public water system receives specified new information. The public water system would be required to determine the projected water savings attributable to the voluntary demand management measures that will be incorporated into the subdivision. The projected water savings would be required to be calculated using specified data compiled or maintained by the public water system or the water savings projections adopted by the California Urban Water Conservation Council. If a project applicant proposes to use a new voluntary water demand management measure for which neither the California Urban Water Conservation Council nor the public water system has adopted an estimate or method to calculate the projected water savings of the proposed voluntary demand management measure, the projected water savings would be required to be made based on documented methodologies or calculations submitted in the record. Five years after the project has been fully developed, the public water system would be required to include within its next urban water management plan a report on the monitoring and compliance of voluntary water demand management measures and to determine, if practicable based on readily available information, whether they have resulted in the water savings necessary to achieve the agreed upon water demand offsets. The bill would also require the public water system to document the measured annual water use of the subdivision in comparison to the projected demand associated with the subdivision, and to calculate the water savings attributable to the voluntary mitigation measures financed by the Voluntary Water Demand Mitigation Fund for the subdivision. If the public water system bases its written verification of a sufficient water supply for the subdivision, in whole or in part, on the use of voluntary demand management measures within the subdivision, the written verification would be required to be conditioned on the maintenance and operation of the voluntary demand management measures, or measures that are at least as water efficient, as agreed to by the applicant and the public water system, and the recordation as a covenant running with the land for the lots within the subdivision. The bill would provide that by acceptance of a deed to a lot, each purchaser would acknowledge the obligation to comply with the voluntary demand measures for the lot as described in the covenant. These covenants would be authorized to be enforced pursuant to the existing authority of a public water system. The bill would further require a builder, prior to the close of escrow, to give a purchaser information that would be required to be included in a maintenance manual that informs the purchaser of the existence of the home's unique water saving devices, including specified information. The bill would also encourage the public water system to commit to carrying out the water conservation measures funded by the Voluntary Water Demand Mitigation Fund within 24 months of the sale of the last unit of the proposed subdivision. The bill would require the public water system to choose water conservation measures that are the most cost-effective means to yield water savings. The bill would authorize expenditures from the fund to be made within the subdivision or elsewhere within the service area of the public water supplier, at its discretion. Not less than 40% of the proceeds from the voluntary water demand mitigation fund would be required to be directed to water conservation programs in any disadvantaged community, unless the public water system makes a specified finding. By adding to the duties of the public water system, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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CalGeo	Watch	3

AB 309 **(Price) Public contracts: small business participation.** (A-04/23/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 06/02/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 05/28/2009)
Current Location: 06/02/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law, the Small Business Procurement and Contract Act, requires the Director of General Services and the heads of other state agencies that enter into contracts for the provision of goods, services, and information technology and for the construction of state facilities to establish

goals for the participation of small businesses in these contracts, to provide for small business preference in the award of these contracts, to give special consideration and special assistance to small businesses, and, whenever possible, to make awards to small businesses, as specified. This bill would require all state agencies, departments, boards, and commissions to establish and achieve an annual goal of 25% small business participation in state procurements and contracts, to ensure that the state's procurement and contract processes are administered in order to meet or exceed the goal, and to report to the Director of General Services statistics regarding small business participation in his or her agency's procurements and contracts. This bill contains other related provisions.

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[AB 327](#) **(Garrick) Minimum annual tax: exemptions: corporations, LLC, limited partnerships, and limited liability partnerships.** (I-02/18/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 06/08/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was REV. & TAX SUSPENSE FILE on 5/18/2009)
Current Location: 06/08/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law, generally, imposes a minimum franchise tax of \$800, except as provided, on every corporation incorporated in this state, qualified to transact intrastate business in this state, or doing business in this state, and on every limited partnership, limited liability partnership, and limited liability company registered, qualified to transact business, or doing business in this state, as specified. This bill would, for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, reduce that minimum tax to \$100. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Support	1

[AB 411](#) **(Garrick) Health facilities: seismic safety.** (A-09/10/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 09/11/2009-Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
Current Location: 09/11/2009-S RLS.

Summary: Existing law, the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983, establishes, under the jurisdiction of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, a program of seismic safety building standards for certain hospitals constructed on and after March 7, 1973. Existing law authorizes the office to assess an application fee for the review of facilities' design and construction, and requires that full and complete plans be submitted to the office for review and approval. This bill would require a health care district that has been denied an extension of the seismic retrofit and replacement deadlines to make a specified report to the office, on or before March 1, 2010. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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CalGeo	Watch	3

[AB 439](#) **(Miller) Encroachment permits.** (A-03/24/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 05/01/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was TRANS. on 04/28/2009)
Current Location: 05/01/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: Under existing law, the Department of Transportation may issue permits authorizing encroachments, as defined, on highways. Existing law requires the department to either approve or deny an application for an encroachment permit within 60 days of receiving a completed application. The department's failure to notify an applicant within that 60-day period that the permit is denied is deemed to constitute approval of the permit. Existing law allows an applicant to appeal the denial of an application in writing, and requires the department to make a final written determination within 60 days after receipt of an appeal. This bill would establish different procedures for applications for encroachment permits for major highway projects that cost \$3,000,000 or more and for minor highway projects that cost less than \$3,000,000, and would instead require applications for minor

encroachment permits to be approved or denied within a 30-day period. The bill would also require the department to determine whether an application for an encroachment permit is complete, taking into consideration certain factors, and would require the department, within 30 days of receipt of an application for a major encroachment permit, or within 15 days of receipt of an application for a minor encroachment permit, to notify the applicant of that determination. The bill would require the department, if an application is determined to be incomplete, to indicate what information or documents are necessary to complete the application, and would specify the procedure for the resubmittal of an application. The bill would also change to 30 days the time period for which the department is required to make a final written determination of an appeal of a denied application. The bill would also require the department to appoint an ombudsperson to receive applications for encroachment permits in each state transportation district, as specified. The bill would make related findings and declarations .

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Support	1

[AB 477](#) (Nestande) Contractors. (I-02/24/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 06/08/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was PRINT on 2/24/2009)

Current Location: 06/08/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: The Contractors' State License Law provides for the licensing and regulation of contractors by the Contractors' State License Board, and authorizes the board to institute disciplinary actions for a violation thereof. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to a provision of the Contractors' State License Law.

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[AB 484](#) (Eng) Franchise Tax Board: professional or occupational licenses. (A-04/20/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 01/07/2010-From committee without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).

Current Location: 05/01/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and the Bank and Corporation Tax Law impose taxes on, or measured by, income. Existing law allows a tax return or return information filed under those laws to be disclosed in a judicial or administrative proceeding pertaining to tax administration under certain circumstances. Existing law requires every board, as defined under the Business and Professions Code, and the Department of Insurance to, upon request of the Franchise Tax Board, furnish to the Franchise Tax Board certain information with respect to every licensee. Existing law authorizes many of these boards to impose fees on its licensees to cover its costs in administering its respective provisions and in some cases these funds are deposited into continuously appropriated funds. This bill would require a state governmental licensing entity, as defined, issuing professional or occupational licenses, certificates, registrations, or permits to provide to the Franchise Tax Board the name and social security number or federal taxpayer identification number of each individual licensee of that entity. The bill would require the Franchise Tax Board, if a licensee fails to pay taxes for which a notice of state tax lien has been recorded, as specified, to mail a preliminary notice of suspension to the licensee. The bill would provide that the license of a licensee who fails to satisfy the unpaid taxes by a certain date shall be automatically suspended, except as specified, would require the Franchise Tax Board to provide a notice of suspension to the applicable state governmental licensing entity and to mail a notice of suspension to the licensee, and would provide that the suspension be canceled upon compliance with the tax obligation. The bill would require the Franchise Tax Board to meet certain requirements and would make related changes. The bill would authorize a state governmental licensing entity, as specified, to impose a fee on a licensee with a suspended license in an amount necessary to cover its administrative costs. The bill would make implementation of its provisions contingent upon appropriation of funds for that purpose in the annual Budget Act.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Oppose	1

[AB 499](#) (Hill) Environment: California Environmental Quality Act: determination: dispute. (A-06/18/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 09/10/2009-To inactive file on motion of Senator Simitian.

Current Location: 09/10/2009-S INACTIVE FILE

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, which includes a local agency, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA requires a lead agency to file a notice of approval or a notice of determination containing specified information with the Office of Planning and Research or the county clerk of each county in which the project is located, as appropriate. CEQA provides a procedure by which a party may attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the determination, finding, or decision of a public agency on specified grounds. CEQA requires the party challenging the determination to name, as a real party of interest, a recipient of an approval that is the subject of the challenge and to service the petition or complaint on that real party of interest not later than 20 business days following the service of the petition or complaint on the public agency. This bill would instead require that a petitioner or plaintiff name, as a real party in interest, a recipient of approval, as identified by the public agency in its notice of determination or notice of exemption, that is the subject of an action or proceeding challenging the determination, finding, or decision of a public agency pursuant to CEQA. The bill would authorize the court to dismiss a petition or complaint if a petitioner or plaintiff fails to serve the recipient of approval identified by the public agency within the above service period. The bill would require the court to issue an order providing additional time for, and specifying the manner of, service if the petitioner or plaintiff demonstrates to the court's satisfaction that he or she has made a good faith effort to service the identified recipient of approval within the above service period. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Watch	3

[AB 645](#) (Niello) Professional engineers and land surveyors: licensing. (C-10/11/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 10/11/2009-Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 368, Statutes of 2009

Current Location: 10/11/2009-A CHAPTERED

Summary: Existing law, the Professional Engineers Act, provides for the licensing and regulation of the practice of civil engineering, electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering, and the Professional Land Surveyors Act provides for licensing and regulation of land surveying by the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. A violation of these acts is a crime. This bill would instead require that these documents bear the signature and seal of the licensee and the date of signing and sealing or stamping. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Support	1

[AB 848](#) (Niello) Small Business Procurement and Contract Act: disabled veteran-owned small business preference. (I-02/26/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 06/08/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was PRINT on 2/26/2009)

Current Location: 06/08/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: The Small Business Procurement and Contract Act requires state agencies entering into contracts for the provision of goods, information technology, and services to the state, and the construction of state facilities, to provide for a preference up to and including 5% for any bid of a small business and microbusiness, or a nonsmall business that provides for small business and microbusiness subcontractor participation, in solicitations where an award is to be made to the lowest responsible bidder or highest scored bidder meeting specifications. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions. This bill contains other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Watch	3

[AB 1000](#) (Ma) Employment: paid sick days. (I-02/27/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 06/02/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 05/28/2009)
Current Location: 06/02/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law authorizes employers to provide their employees paid sick leave. This bill would provide that an employee who works in California for 7 or more days in a calendar year is entitled to paid sick days, as defined, which shall be accrued at a rate of no less than one hour for every 30 hours worked. An employee would be entitled to use accrued sick days beginning on the 90th calendar day of employment. The bill would require employers to provide paid sick days, upon the request of the employee, for diagnosis, care, or treatment of health conditions of the employee or an employee's family member, or for leave related to domestic violence or sexual assault. An employer would be prohibited from discriminating or retaliating against an employee who requests paid sick days. The bill would require employers to satisfy specified posting and notice and recordkeeping requirements. The bill would also make conforming changes. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Oppose	1

[AB 1204](#) (Huber) El Dorado County Transportation Commission. (A-01/14/2010 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 01/15/2010-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Current Location: 01/15/2010-A APPR.
Calendar Events: 01/21/10 Upon adjournment of Session - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS

Summary: Existing law requires the Director of Transportation to designate a transportation planning agency in each county for the purpose of allocating funds in the local transportation fund derived from 1/4 of 1% of the sales tax, pursuant to the Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act, also known as the Transportation Development Act, and for other related transportation purposes. Existing law creates the El Dorado County Transportation Planning Agency, also known as the El Dorado County Transportation Commission, as the transportation planning agency in the portion of El Dorado County outside of the Tahoe Basin. Existing law provides that the agency is composed of 6 members, with 3 members appointed by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and 3 members appointed by the city council of the City of Placerville. This bill would instead provide for the agency to be comprised of 4 members appointed by the board of supervisors and 2 members appointed by each incorporated city in the portion of El Dorado County outside of the Tahoe Basin. However, if there is only one incorporated city, that city would appoint 3 members. Because the bill would impose additional duties on local agencies, it would thereby impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Oppose	1

[AB 1331](#) (Duvall) Subdivision map approval: validity of map. (I-02/27/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status: 06/08/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/31/2009)
Current Location: 06/08/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: The Subdivision Map Act requires that the filing for record of a final or parcel map by the county recorder automatically and finally determines the validity of the map and that, when recorded, a final or parcel map imparts constructive notice. This bill also would provide that the filing of a final or parcel map by the county recorder constitutes the final act in obtaining the right to subdivide according to the terms of the final or parcel map.

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[AB 1365](#) (Berryhill, Tom) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. (A-04/13/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/01/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was W.,P. & W. on 04/15/2009)

Current Location: 05/01/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to develop and implement a program of flood control projects at specific Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta locations for the protection of certain public benefits, including the protection of urbanized areas, water quality, recreation, navigation, and fish and wildlife habitats, and for net long-term habitat improvement. This bill would make an unspecified appropriation from an unspecified source to the department for the purposes of acquiring land or other property interests in certain properties in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and to initiate and implement improvements on those properties for the purposes of flood control, habitat enhancement, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, recreation, and other visions for a sustainable Delta. The bill would require the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Fish and Game, in consultation with the State Air Resources Control Board, to prepare and submit to the Governor and the Legislature a report on the proposed implementation of the bill. The bill would prohibit the moneys appropriated in the bill from being expended until the report is submitted. This bill contains other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Watch	3

[AB 1431](#) (Hill) Geologists and geophysicists. (A-01/04/2010 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 01/12/2010-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (January 12).

Current Location: 01/12/2010-A APPR.

Calendar Events: 01/21/10 Upon adjournment of Session - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS

Summary: Existing law establishes in the Department of Consumer Affairs a Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, consisting of 13 members. Existing law requires that membership to include 5 engineers, one land surveyor, and 7 public members. Existing law requires the Governor to appoint 5 of the public members and all of the professional members. The Senate Rules Committee and the Speaker of the Assembly are required to each appoint a public member. This bill would rename the board as the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Geologists and Geophysicists. The bill would change the membership of the board to 14 to include a professional member licensed under the Geologists and Geophysicists Act. This bill contains other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Watch	1

[AB 1518](#) (Anderson) State government: boards, commissions, committees: report. (A-01/13/2010 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 01/14/2010-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Current Location: 01/14/2010-A APPR.

Calendar Events: 01/21/10 Upon adjournment of Session - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS

Summary: Existing law authorizes the creation of various state boards, commissions, and committees. This bill would require the Department of Finance, on or before July 1, 2011, to send a report to 2 specific legislative committees that identifies every state board, commission, and committee created by statute that the department determines to be either inactive or obsolete with respect to the reason for which it was established.

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CalGeo	Watch	3

AB 1520 (Evans) **Statewide Watershed Program.** (A-05/05/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 06/02/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. on 05/28/2009)

Current Location: 06/02/2009-A 2 YEAR

Summary: The California Watershed Protection and Restoration Act requires state agencies to adopt guidelines for use by local watershed partnerships to provide specified mechanisms and authorizes state agencies with jurisdiction over watershed planning and protection to provide technical assistance to watershed management partnerships, to the extent that funds are available. This bill would establish the Statewide Watershed Program as a voluntary and nonregulatory program to provide assistance and funds to local community-based efforts in the conservation, protection, and restoration of the state's watersheds and to promote coordinated management of watersheds under the authority of the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency and the Department of Conservation (department) . This bill contains other related provisions.

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CalGeo	Watch	3

SB 258 (Oropeza) **Contractors: public works.** (A-05/14/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 07/07/2009-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Current Location: 07/07/2009-A B. & P.

Summary: Existing law, the Contractors' State License Law, provides for the licensure and regulation of contractors by the Contractors' State License Board. Existing law authorizes the board to set application, licensure, and renewal fees, among others, not to exceed certain limits, and provides for the deposit of those fees in the Contractors' License Fund, a continuously appropriated fund. Existing law requires the awarding authority to determine the license classification necessary to bid and perform on public works contracts, as defined. This bill would, on and after January 1, 2012, prohibit a contractor from performing work as a contractor or subcontractor on a public work, as defined, contracted for by the state or a state agency unless he or she has obtained a public works certification from a state certifying agency to be determined by the Legislature. The bill would require the certifying agency to establish and validate standards of competency through a prequalification certification system by January 1, 2011. The certifying agency would also be authorized to deny or revoke a public works certification under specified circumstances. The bill would require the agency to charge each applicant a fee in an amount sufficient to pay for the costs of administering the prequalification and certification, not to exceed certain amounts, as specified. The bill would also create the Public Works Certification Fund within the State Treasury in which fee moneys would be deposited and used only for these purposes upon appropriation by the Legislature .

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SB 261 (Dutton) **Water use: water management plans.** (A-07/13/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 08/27/2009-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Current Location: 08/19/2009-A APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to convene an independent technical panel to provide information to the department and the Legislature on new demand management measures, technologies, and approaches. "Demand management measures" means those water conservation measures, programs, and incentives that prevent the waste of water and promote the reasonable and efficient use and reuse of available supplies. Existing law requires urban water suppliers to prepare and adopt urban water management plans with specified components. This bill would require a retail urban water supplier, as defined, to develop and implement an urban water conservation plan, including prescribed components, or achieve high-efficiency water use, as defined. The bill would impose various requirements for the contents of these plans, and would require a retail urban water supplier to update its water conservation plan on a specified schedule. The retail urban water supplier or other specified entities acting on behalf of the retail urban water supplier , would be required to submit reports for purposes of determining progress towards achieving a prescribed water conservation goal. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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CalGeo	Watch	3

SB 275 (Walters) Professional engineers. (A-01/04/2010 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 01/11/2010-Set, first hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 2. Noes 0. Page 2648.)
Current Location: 01/04/2010-S B., P. & E.D.

Summary: Existing law establishes the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors in the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law recognizes various engineering disciplines. Existing law prohibits the practicing of civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering by any person who has not passed a specified examination and who is not appropriately licensed by the board in that discipline. Existing law makes various violations of the Professional Engineers Act a crime, including the practice or offer to practice by a person of civil, electrical, or mechanical engineering without authorization as provided by the act. This bill would prohibit the practice of agricultural, chemical, control system, fire protection, industrial, metallurgical, nuclear, petroleum, and traffic engineering , as defined, by any person who has not passed a specified examination and who is not appropriately licensed by the board in the particular discipline. The bill would authorize any licensed engineer to practice engineering work in any of those fields in which he or she is competent and proficient. The bill would make other changes to related provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Watch	3

SB 389 (Negrete McLeod) Professions and vocations. (A-06/01/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 07/07/2009-Set, first hearing. Failed passage in committee. Reconsideration granted.
Current Location: 07/07/2009-A PUB. S.

Summary: Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law authorizes a board to suspend or revoke a license on various grounds, including, but not limited to, conviction of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued. Existing law requires applicants to certain boards to provide a full set of fingerprints for the purpose of conducting criminal history record checks. This bill would make that fingerprinting requirement applicable to the Dental Board of California, the Dental Hygiene Committee of California, the Professional Fiduciaries Bureau, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, and the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The bill would require new applicants for a license and petitioners for reinstatement of a revoked, surrendered, or canceled license, to successfully complete a state and federal level criminal record information search. The bill would also require, commencing January 1, 2011, licensees who have not previously submitted fingerprints, or for whom a record of the submission of fingerprints no longer exists, to complete the process necessary for a state and federal level criminal offender record information search, as specified. The bill would require licensees applying for license renewal to certify compliance with that requirement, as specified, and would subject a licensee to disciplinary action for making a false certification. The bill would also require a licensee to, as a condition of renewal of the license, notify the board on the license renewal form if he or she , or any member of the personnel of record of the licensee, has been convicted, as defined, of a felony or misdemeanor since the last renewal, or if this is the licensee's first renewal, since the initial license was issued. The bill would provide that the Contractors' State License Board shall implement the provisions pertaining to renewal licenses on a specified schedule, after an appropriation is made for this purpose, utilizing its applicable fees.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Watch	3

SB 612 (Runner) Income and corporation taxes: tax credit: employment. (I-02/27/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 06/08/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). (Last location was REV. & TAX on

3/19/2009)

Current Location: 06/08/2009-S 2 YEAR

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law authorize various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. This bill would, under both laws, provide a tax credit, in an amount as specified, to an employer for each qualified employee, as defined, who has received unemployment benefits for a specified amount of time at the time the employer hires the qualified employee. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Watch	3

SB 642 **(Denham) Public contracts: Small Business Procurement and Contract Act.** (A-05/04/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 06/02/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 05/28/2009)

Current Location: 06/02/2009-S 2 YEAR

Summary: The Small Business Procurement and Contract Act permits a state agency to award a contract for goods, services, or information technology with a value of between \$5,000 and \$100,000 to a certified small business, including a microbusiness and a disabled veteran business enterprise, without complying with specified competitive bidding requirements. This bill would increase the maximum amount of the contract from \$100,000 to \$250,000. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Watch	3

SB 694 **(Correa) Public contracts: public works: competitive bidding: procedures.** (A-01/12/2010 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 01/14/2010-Read second time. To third reading.

Current Location: 01/14/2010-S THIRD READING**Calendar Events:** 01/19/10 94 SEN SENATE BILLS-THIRD READING FILE

Summary: Existing law allows a public agency to elect to be subject to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act, which authorizes bidding procedures for public projects, as specified. The act establishes the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission, which is charged with specified duties, including recommending for adoption by the Controller uniform construction cost accounting procedures for implementation by public agencies in the performance of, or in contracting for, construction on public projects. Under the act, each commission member serves without compensation, but is required to be reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred, and the commission is authorized to accept grants from federal, state, or local public agencies, or private foundations or individuals, to assist it in carrying out its duties. This bill would extend the time for commission review to 45 days for a review of a public agency project that is to be performed after rejection of all bids, and to 90 days for a review of work for which evidence was provided that the work has exceeded the force account limits or has been improperly classified as maintenance. This bill contains other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority
CalGeo	Oppose	1

SB 763 **(Walters) Land use: subdivision maps.** (A-04/13/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/01/2009-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was L. GOV. on 04/13/2009)

Current Location: 05/01/2009-S 2 YEAR

Summary: The Subdivision Map Act establishes a statewide regulatory framework for controlling the subdividing of land. It generally requires a subdivider to submit, and have approved by the city, county,

or city and county in which the land is situated a tentative or vesting tentative map, which confers a vested right to proceed with development in substantial compliance with specified ordinances, policies, and standards. The act provides for the expiration of tentative or vesting tentative maps, after specified periods of time . This bill would extend the applicable expiration date by 12 months for any vesting tentative subdivision or parcel map that has been approved , that has not expired on the date the bill is effective, and that will expire before January 1, 2012 . By adding to the procedures officials in counties, cities, and cities and counties must follow, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Position	Priority
<i>CalGeo</i>	<i>Watch</i>	<i>3</i>

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